

Application No. 10/685,691
Amendment dated June 29, 2005
Reply to Office Action of June 16, 2005

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2005. By this Amendment, claims 1-5, 7-24 and 26-42 are currently pending in the application.

In the Office Action, claims 11-14, 17, 18, 21, 22 and 27 – 37 were indicated allowable, while claims 6 thru 8, 10, 16 and 25 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the indication that certain subject matter in this case is allowable.

By this Amendment, the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 6 has now been incorporated into claim 1, and dependent claim 7 has been amended appropriately. As such, it is submitted that claims 1-5 and 7-9 should now also be in condition for allowance. Claim 6 has been cancelled.

The subject matter of claim 1 has also been incorporated into allowable dependent claim 10, and as such, claim 10 should now also be allowed.

It was noted that a dependency error had been made in claim 15, and as such, with the correction provided herein, this claim should also now be allowed.

The subject matter of allowable dependent claim 25 has now been incorporated into claim 19, and as such, claims 19, 20, 23, 24 and 26 should now also be allowed. Claim 25 has been cancelled.

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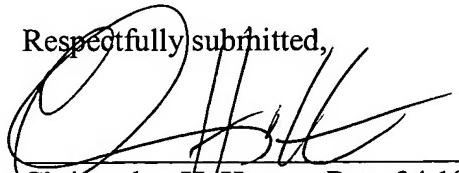
The subject matter of claim 19 has now also been incorporated into allowable dependent claim 21, and as such, claims 21 and 22 should now also be allowed.

Claims 21, 27 and 32 now recite that the fuel is “dispensed” from the nozzles, when originally these claims recited that the fuel is “sprayed”. Applicant believes it is entitled to such broader language to properly define the invention.¹

New claims 38-40, dependent upon claims 21, 27 and 32, respectively, are also provided herewith, reciting such “spray” language. These claims should continue to be allowed for the same reasons original claims 21, 27 and 32 were allowable.

New claim 41 is also presented herewith for consideration. New claim 41 is similar to allowable claim 27, but recites dispensing “liquid” rather than “fuel”.² New claim 42, dependent from claim 41, brings in the “spray” language, similar to new claims 38-40.

By this Amendment, it is respectfully submitted that the claims remaining in this case should now all be allowable. Prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Support for the “dispensing language is found, for example on page 16, lines 1-4.

² It is noted allowable claim 1 is also directed toward “liquid”.